

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CRAVEN  
RECONVENED ITS RECESSED REGULAR SESSION OF MAY 15, 2006 ON  
MAY 23, 2006 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS' ROOM OF THE  
CRAVEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 406 CRAVEN STREET,  
NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chairman Perry L. Morris  
Vice Chairman Johnnie Sampson, Jr.  
Commissioner Lee Kyle Allen  
Commissioner George N. Brown, Jr.  
Commissioner M. Renée Sisk  
Commissioner Leon C. Staton  
Commissioner Steve Tyson

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Harold Blizzard, County Manager  
Ray H. Moser, Assistant County Manager  
Richard F. Hemphill, County Finance Officer

**ROAD PAVING CONTRACT**

Commissioner Brown moved to award the road paving contract to APAC in the amount of \$89,486 to pave a portion of Airport Road for Craven County's School's construction of a new elementary school. Commissioner Tyson seconded the motion, which unanimously carried. Remediation of the road is for the purpose of strengthening it to withstand heavy equipment traffic during construction.

**BUDGET REVIEW**

The Board reviewed the proposed budget, beginning with comparison of Craven County to similar counties for selected line items, utilizing data as of June 30, 2005.

There was discussion of Senator Rand's Medicaid proposal, generated by Senator Pete Bland's inquiry about the Craven County Board's position. Commissioners expressed a preference that their consensus was to relay to Senator Bland their desire for his support of the Rand Proposal in the Senate, but with an option to raise the one cent tax rather than a mandate.

**BORROWING DOCUMENTS FOR NEW SCHOOL**

Commissioner Allen moved to approve borrowing documents for the new elementary school, seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously carried.

At 11:30 a.m. the Board recessed to convene a special session of the Water and Sewer Board of Directors.

The Board reconvened in regular session to proceed with the review of the proposed budget.

**BUDGET REVIEW**

The following budget items were discussed:

- Raising County Attorney's hourly rate from \$125 to \$150
- Review of budget line items to Department 5810, Child Health

At 3:00 p.m. Commissioner Brown moved to recess to reconvene on May 25, 2006 at 9:00 a.m., seconded by Commissioner Staton and unanimously carried.

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Chairman Perry L. Morris  
Craven County Board of Commissioners

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Gwendolyn M. Bryan  
Clerk to the Board